

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing prior to examination, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, is respectfully requested.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

By the foregoing preliminary amendments, the Specification has been amended to include a claim for priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/FR2003/002239, filed July 15, 2003, which claims priority to French Patent Application No. FR02/09155, filed July 18, 2002. This amendment is clerical in nature and no new matter has been added as a result thereof.

Further by the foregoing preliminary amendments, Claims 3-12 have been amended to delete the original multiple-dependencies contained therein and/or to correct linguistic issues so as to put these claims in better condition for examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

**CONCLUSION**

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, it would be greatly appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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